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PUBLIC HEARINGS IN MARCH ON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

Public hearings on the operation of the National Wildlife Refuge System will be held in March 1976, Lynn A. Greenwalt, Director of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today.

Operation of the refuge system was the subject of a draft environmental impact statement announced in the November 24, 1975, Federal Register. Hearings on the EIS will be held in Washington, D.C., and in each region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The dates, local times, and places of the hearings are as follows:

Washington, D.C.--March 2, 1976, Interior Departmental Auditorium, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., 9 a.m.

Region I--March 10, 1976, Bonneville Power Administration Auditorium, 100 N.E. Holladay Street, Portland, Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Region II--March 17, 1976, Zuni and Tesuque Rooms, Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 7:30 p.m.

Region III--March 4, 1976, Room 564, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

Region IV--March 10, 1976, Lenox Square Auditorium, Lenox Square Shopping Center, 3292 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia, 7:30 p.m.

Region V--March 9, 1976, Room 304, John W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, 7:30 p.m.

Region VI--March 16, 1976, Room 269, Denver Post Office Building, 1823 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado, 7:30 p.m.

Alaska--March 11, 1976, Loussac Library, 427 F Street, Anchorage, Alaska, 7:30 p.m.

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The EIS is available for inspection at all Service field stations, regional and area offices, and at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Wildlife Refuges, Room 2343, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Persons wishing to make an oral presentation or to submit their views in writing at any of these hearings should deliver a notice to that effect to the appropriate Regional Director at the address below no less than 5 working days before the testimony is to be presented. A time limit of 5 minutes per witness is imposed in the case of oral testimony, although additional time may be granted at the discretion of the Hearing Officer. A limited number of single copies of the EIS may be obtained from the following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offices:

Region I--Regional Director, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Region II--Regional Director, U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, 500 Gold Avenue, S.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 97103

Region III--Regional Director, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

Region IV--Regional Director, 17 Executive Park Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Region V--Regional Director, John W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts 02109.

Region VI--Regional Director, 10597 West Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 25486, Denver, Colorado 80215.

Alaska--Area Director, 813 D Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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